

CLASSROOM DIAGNOSTIC TOOLS

Fall
2010

Key Dates

District Technology Coordinator Training: August 23- September 3, 2010
District Test Coordinator Training: September 8-17, 2010
Field Test Window (Science & Reading/Lit): October 4-29, 2010
Mathematics Available: October 18, 2010

ADDITIONAL DISTRICT PARTICIPATION IS NEEDED

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FIELD TEST OVERVIEW

In an effort to finalize the Classroom Diagnostic Tools operational test, the state will be conducting a Science and Reading/Literature Field Test. The field test is scheduled for **October 4-29, 2010**. The field test will be open to students in grades 4 through high school. Student should take the tests based on course work completed in the previous year of study. Example: A grade 5 student in the 2010/2011 school year should be enrolled to take the grade 4 field test for either Science or Reading.

DATA UPLOAD

Student and teacher data upload will be available in the PA eDIRECT Test Setup system for those districts who may not have had the opportunity to participate in the voluntary PIMS collection.

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Classroom Diagnostic Tools are a set of online tests designed to provide diagnostic information in order to guide instruction and remediation. The Classroom Diagnostic Tools will be offered in grades 6 through high school and will be available for use in schools and classrooms throughout the school year. The Classroom Diagnostic Tools is based on content covered by the Keystone Exams and the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment and includes an interactive and dynamic reporting suite. The Classroom Diagnostic Tools reporting system will be fully integrated in the Standards Aligned System (SAS).

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How does student and teacher data get into the online system?

A: DRC will pre-load the online test system with student and teacher data from the July 2010 PIMS data collection. Though this collection is voluntary it is strongly recommended that districts submit data before the middle of August.

Q: Will the students/districts receive scoring feedback from the field test?

A: Shortly after the close of the field testing window districts will receive percentile reports for each student that participated.

Q: What is the benefit of participating?

A: By participating in the field test, students and test administrators can get first-hand experience using the online testing system and districts can assess their technical capacity for online testing.



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District Technology Coordinator Training: **August 23-September 3, 2010**
District Test Coordinator Training: **September 8-17, 2010**
Field Test Window
(Algebra I, Biology, Literature): **November 1-19, 2010**

ADDITIONAL DISTRICT PARTICIPATION IS NEEDED

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FIELD TEST OVERVIEW

In an effort to finalize the Keystone Exams Algebra 1, Biology and Literature operational assessments, the state will be conducting a field test. The field test is scheduled for **November 1-19, 2010**. The field test will be open to students who have completed the field tested subjects in the 2009/2010 school year. Example: A student who passed Algebra I in the 2009/2010 school year, even though they could be enrolled in a different course the coming fall, would be eligible to take the Algebra I Keystone Exams field test.

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Keystone Exams are end-of-course assessments designed to assess proficiency in various subject areas: Algebra I, Algebra II, Biology, Chemistry, Civics and Government, English Composition, Geometry, Literature, U.S. History, and World History.

The Keystone Exams are one component of Pennsylvania's high school graduation requirements. Students must also earn state specified credits, fulfill the state's service-learning and attendance requirements, and complete any additional local school system requirements to receive a Pennsylvania high school diploma.

For detailed information about how the Keystone Exams are being integrated into the Pennsylvania graduation requirements, please contact the Pennsylvania Department of Education or visit the website at www.education.state.pa.us.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What types of questions will be on the Keystone Exams?

A: The exams will include multiple choice (MC) items and constructed response (CR) items. For each Keystone Exam, approximately 60% - 75% of the total score will be from multiple choice items and 25% - 40% of the total score will be from constructed response items. The English Composition Keystone Exam will be an exception with 20% of the total score from multiple choice items and 80% of the total score from constructed response items.

Q: What is the time limit that should be allotted for each Keystone Exam?

A: Each Keystone Exam will take approximately 2 - 2.5 hours to complete. Although, there are no time limits for taking the Keystone Exams.